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May 6, 2016

The Honorable David Ryu
Los Angeles City Councilman
City of Los Angeles
200 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA.

Re: Runyon Canyon-Basketball Court

Dear Councilman Ryu:

It has come to my attention that the basketball court that is being developed in your district as a result of a gift by the Pink Dolphin Clothing Company and its CEO Neima⁷, is being halted because of the efforts that various "NIMBYS" have launched in your community. I am appalled by this behavior and even more surprised that a sitting member of the council would support such efforts and actually buckle to their demands to stop the project.

I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles, a recent and former commissioner for the City of Los Angeles, and a pastor at one of the largest and diverse congregations in the area. As a pastor, my life is one of inclusion and community building. Therefore, I find it utterly reprehensible that there is a debate over a generous gift of a young entrepreneur and an agreement he has had with the City of Los Angeles for two years now with respect to the erection of a basketball court. As a resident of the City of Los Angeles and a former member of the community of commissioners, I am ashamed.

Councilman, please know that if necessary, I shall stand with Neima⁸ and shall eventually call upon members of our congregation and other ecumenical organizations to challenge such bold and offensive actions against diversity and inclusion. I would strongly urge you to act quickly in bringing to closure this matter in a manner that is fair and reasonable.

Sincerely,

Pastor Marc.
Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel

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